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Chegando em Pittsburgh, a equipe de Michonne descobre que a cidade está deserta exceto por uma única sobrevivente— a Princesa. E ela não fala com ninguém há MUITO tempo. Após Princesa abater alguns zumbis, Michonne concorda em deixá-la ir a Ohio. Uma decisão da qual ela rapidamente se arrepende.

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VOCÊ TEM QUE TRABALHAR ESSE SENSO DE HUMOR. VOLTO LOGO!

...

NÃO SEI... GOSTO MESMO DELA.

MUITO.

DIGO... ELA VAI TORNAR ESSA VIAGEM ENFIM BEM DIVERTIDA.

ESSA É A *ÚLTIMA* COISA QUE PRECISAMOS. ESTOU COMEÇANDO A REPENSAR NISSO.

OK, NÃO VOU ESPERAR MAIS. E *COM CERTEZA* NÃO VOU SEGUIR ELA PARA DENTRO DAQUELE PRÉDIO.

VAMOS.

ESPERE...

TUDO PRONTO!

NEM MESMO UM COMENTÁRIO SOBRE MINHA LANÇA *IRADA*? DIGO, ***OLHE PRA ELA!*** NÃO PODE TER VISTO MUITAS DESSAS COISAS, NÉ?

EU A ENCONTREI ENFIADA EM UM APODRECIDO DO OUTRO LADO DA CIDADE. ALGUÉM DEVE TER GASTO UM ***TEMPÃO*** FAZENDO ELA.

É UMA ARMA SUPER ÓTIMA. É MUITO BOA PARA MANTER A DISTÂNCIA EM UMA LUTA EVITA QUE OS MORTOS TE ALCANCEM...

...PORQUE É UMA ***LANÇA***.

ACHEI LEGAL.

OBRIGADA.

PODE DEVOLVER MINHA PISTOLA?

ACHO QUE VOU SEGURAR ELA.

...

TANTO FAZ.

TENHO OUTRAS.

QUEM SÃO SEUS AMIGOS?

CONHEÇA MAÇÃ E CAROÇO DE PÊSSEGO. VÃO RECEBER FERRADURAS HOJE.

ACHO QUE ESTÃO EMPOLGADOS.

SABE... TEMOS VIGIAS QUE PODEM VER MAIS DO QUE VOCÊ DAQUI. ELES NOS AVISARÃO QUANDO OS VIREM.

E SÓ FAZ UMA SEMANA.

EU SEI. É QUE É UMA VIAGEM LONGA. ME FAZ DUVIDAR DE MIM MESMO.

ESTOU PREOCUPADO COM PARA O QUE POSSO TÊ-LOS ENVIADO.

SEJA O QUE FOR, SABE QUE MICHONNE PODE DAR CONTA...

...E ELA PROTEGERÁ O RESTO DELES.

MIKEY ESTÁ TE ESPERANDO.

OBRIGADO.

BOM DIA, SENHOR GRIMES!

MIKEY, POR FAVOR... ME CHAME DE RICK.

EI, ENCONTROU UMAS BOAS LUVAS.

ERAM DE MINHA MÃE.

VAMOS AO TRABALHO.

GOSTA DISSO?

ESTÁ BOM MAS NÃO MUITO FUNDO. ELAS TEM QUE CONSEGUIR ALCANÇAR A LUZ DO SOL.

NÃO PARECE MUITO FUNDO.

PODEMOS CORTAR UNS OITO QUILÔMETROS SE ATRAVESSARMOS. DIRIA PARA FAZERMOS.

CARL! VOCÊ NÃO VAI NOS AJUDAR COM ***AS COSTAS QUEBRADAS***. ME DEIXE TE AJUDAR!

...

AÍ ESTÁ, MILADY. MARQUEI UM "N" NO MAPA PARA VOCÊ SABER ONDE ELE ESTÁ.

OBRIGADO, DANTE.

OK. AMANHÃ VOCÊ ESTARÁ CERTO... JÁ FAZ MUITO TEMPO.

PARTIREMOS AMANHÃ.

OH, *BOO!*

BOO!

QUERIA USAR MINHA LANÇA! EU PODIA TER ACERTADO DO MEU CAVALO!

NÓS, HUM... ESTAMOS PARTINDO...

DEVO TER ADORMECIDO, SINTO--

MUITO.

HUM...

LEGAL.

VAI FICAR *MELHOR* QUE ANTES QUANDO TERMINARMOS.

ESTE LUGAR ESTÁ FICANDO BOM. VOCÊ SAIRÃO DAQUELAS TENDAS *BEM RÁPIDO*.

NÃO ESTARÍAMOS TÃO LONGE SEM SUA AJUDA, WILLIAM. HILLTOP TEM UM DÉBITO DE GRATIDÃO COM O REINADO.

NÃO É ASSIM QUE *DEVERIA* FUNCIONAR? NÃO SE PREOCUPE. COM CERTEZA PRECISAREMOS DE SUA AJUDA EM BREVE.

É COMO AS COISAS TENDEM A SER...

ESPERO QUE JÁ TENHAMOS PASSADO PELO PIOR.

QUE DEUS TE OUÇA...

PERDOE-ME, MAS NESSES ÚLTIMOS DIAS VOCÊ PARECEU... PREOCUPADA, ATÉ ANGUSTIADA.

SOU CONHECIDO POR SER ENXERIDO, MAS SEMPRE ME CONSIDEREI ALGUÉM QUE RESOLVEU PROBLEMAS ANTES DE TUDO, E—

ESTOU BEM, WILLIAM. SÓ TENHO MUITA COISA EM MENTE ULTIMAMENTE. SÓ ISSO.

COMO CERTEZA PODE COMPREENDER.

WHACK!
WHACK!
WHACK!
ESTOU FAZENDO CERTO?
SIM. BOM TRABALHO, CARL.
VOCÊ É *HABILIDOSO*.
ISSO AÍ. CONTINUE PUXANDO.

ESSE SOLO ESTÁ OCUPADO?

LINDA.

É UM PAÍS LIVRE.

OBRIGADA... E...

...OBRIGADA.

OK... E, UH... PELO QUE?

MUITAS COISAS...

TANTA COISA... MAS A MAIORIA POR FICAR COMIGO, MESMO QUANDO EU DISSE COISAS HORRÍVEIS PARA VOCÊ. O MODO COMO ME TRATOU... É ESTRANHO, MAS... ME FAZ ME SENTIR COMO SE ***VALESSE*** SER TRATADA ASSIM.

DEPOIS DE ***NÃO*** ME SENTIR ASSIM POR ***MUITO*** TEMPO.

SIGNIFICA MUITO... O MODO COMO VOCÊ OLHA PARA MIM... O QUE VEJO EM SEUS OLHOS. FOI SURPREENDENTE NO INÍCIO, PARECIA ***NÃO SER MERECIDO*** POR MUITO TEMPO.

MAS DEPOIS ***DISSO***, E TRABALHAR LADO A LADO PARA RECONSTRUIR JUNTOS...

ESTOU COMEÇANDO A SENTIR QUE EU *PERTENÇO*.

ENTÃO TALVEZ EU NÃO SEJA MUITO NOVO PRA VOCÊ, AFINAL? TALVEZ VOCÊ ME *AME*?

CALA A BOCA.

POR AQUI, CERTO? ESTOU PENSANDO EM OUTRO DIA, NO MÁXIMO.

CERTO. TALVEZ DOIS. DEPENDE

UH, PESSOAL?

EU CUIDO DISSO.

NUNCA VÃO NOS ALCANÇAR. VAMOS SÓ CONTINUAR NOS MOVENDO.

NÃO. TEM AINDA *MAIS* DELES AGORA. NÃO QUERO TER QUE ME PREOCUPAR SOBRE ELES TODA VEZ QUE PARARMOS. E SE FOSSEMOS PEGOS EVITANDO MAIS DELES À NOSSA FRENTE?

ISSO SÓ VAI LEVAR ALGUNS MINUTOS.

PRINCESA

VOCÊ COMIGO. VAMOS VER O QUE ESSA LANÇA PODE FAZER.

OH, *PODE CRER!*

VOCÊ ACHA QUE VOLTARÁ SER HÉTERO SE ENCONTRARMOS MAIS HOMENS EM OHIO?

NÃO É ASSIM QUE FUNCIONA. E SABE DISSO.

ENTÃO PORQUE ESTAMOS ***ESCONDENDO***, MAGNA? SEU PAI INTOLERANTE ESTÁ ***MORTO***. NÃO TEM MAIS QUE ESCONDER QUEM VOCÊ É.

VÊ ELES LÁ FORA?

AQUELAS COISAS NÃO SE IMPORTAM SE VOCÊ GOSTA DE GAROTOS OU GAROTAS... DEIXAMOS TODA ESTA BESTEIRA PARA TRÁS QUANDO ELES ASSUMIRAM. TUDO QUE ELES SE IMPORTAM É SE VÃO OU NÃO TE DEVORAR.

ACHA QUE OS FANTASMAS DE SEUS PAIS VÃO TE REPUDIAR?

YUMIKO... NÃO É TÃO SIMPLES...

POSSO TE MOSTRAR QUÃO *SIMPLES* É.

BOM TRABALHO, PESSOAL! SABIA QUE MAGNA E EU SOMOS COMPLETAMENTE *GAY*?

OBRIGADA, UH... PARABÉNS?

EU SABIA.

EU TAMBÉM.

MARAVILHA! ALGUMAS DAS MINHAS MELHORES AMIGAS SÃO LÉSBICAS. ELAS SEMPRE DAVAM AS *MELHORES* FESTAS!

ELAS ERAM DO TIPO COQUETEL, NÃO CACHAÇA. SUPER DIVERTIDO. PRIMEIRA VEZ QUE PROVEI UM FONDUE.

VAMOS.

ISSO *NÃO* FOI LEGAL.

BEM, VOCÊ NÃO ESTÁ ME CHUTANDO DO CAVALO... ENTÃO NÃO PODE TER SIDO *TÃO* RUIM.

DIGA A MAGGIE QUE SE HOUVER UMA LISTA DE SUPRIMENTOS OU ALGO QUE ELA PRECISE, NOS AVISE PARA COMEÇARMOS A PROCURAR POR ELES. VOU FAZER HEATH COMEÇAR A LIDERAR UMAS PATRULHAS EM BREVE.

OK. FAREI ISSO.

FAÇA ELA ENVIAR *CARL* DE VOLTAR PARA REPORTAR SE ELA PUDER.

VOU TENTAR.

BOA SORTE COM TUDO.

OBRIGADO. E OBRIGADO POR FICAR CONOSCO MAIS TEMPO DO QUE QUERIA.

AGRADEÇO QUE TENHA SIDO UM PAR EXTRA DE OLHOS PARA MIM.

FICO FELIZ EM AJUDAR.

CUIDE-SE. FALO SÉRIO, RICK.

VOU TENTAR.

VIAJE EM SEGURANÇA.

NÃO ESTÁ CANSADA?

OH VOCÊ ME SURPREENDEU.

NÃO, CANSADA NÃO. PASSEI A MAIOR PARTE DE MEUS DIAS COM UM BEBÊ, ENTÃO... ESSE É MEU ÚNICO MOMENTO TRANQUILO. ATÉ SONECAS TRAZEM UM CERTO NÍVEL DE TENSÃO.

É UMA DROGA. SEI QUE TODOS ESTÃO OCUPADOS E ESTA É A MELHOR FORMA QUE POSSO AJUDAR. ENTENDO ISSO. MAS, UGH. EU AMO MEU IRMÃO... MAS QUER DIZER... QUAL É.

E SINTO FALTA DE MEU AMIGO.

O QUE QUER DIZER?

ESTAMOS JUNTOS DESDE QUASE O *INÍCIO*. NÓS VIMOS *TUDO*... E NA *MAIOR PARTE*... ESTÁVAMOS LÁ UM PELO OUTRO.

VOCÊ ACABOU DE PERDER SUA MÃE E NÓS NEM CONVERSAMOS SOBRE ISSO.

PARTE DISSO É QUE ME SINTO RUIM POR NÃO ESTAR LÁ PARA VOCÊ... MAS AO MESMO TEMPO SEI QUE VOCÊ NÃO ME DEIXARIA.

SINTO SUA FALTA.

SINTO MUITO, ACHO QUE EU... ESTOU COM *LYDIA*, E PARECERIA COMO SE EU ESTIVESSE TRAINDO ELA PASSANDO TEMPO COM OUTRA GAROTA.

ISSO FAZ SENTIDO?

NÃO. NÃO FAZ.

QUERO *CONVERSAR* COM VOCÊ, NÃO... SEJA LÁ O QUE FAZ COM LYDIA.

PODEMOS CONVERSAR MAIS?

TÁ, OK.

EU GOSTARIA DISSO.

VOU VOLTAR PRA MINHA TENDA ANTES QUE ACORDEMOS MAGGIE.

COM TUDO QUE ELA TEM FEITO TENHO CERTEZA QUE ELA ESTÁ DORMINDO FEITO UMA PEDRA.

CASO ESTEJA SE PERGUNTANDO, AS COISAS QUASE VOLTARAM AO NORMAL AQUI. NÃO POSSO DIZER O MESMO AINDA PARA AS OUTRAS COMUNIDADES, MAS CHEGAREMOS LÁ.

NOSSO POVO SE TORNOU TÃO FORTE... É FANTÁSTICO QUÃO BEM ELES TRABALHAM JUNTOS.

VOCÊ FICARIA TÃO...

VOCÊ FICARIA...

SINTO TANTO SUA FALTA.

É... ACHO QUE ESSE VAI DURAR...

LETTER HACKS

WRITE TO US AT: WALKINGDEAD@SKYBOUND.COM

We've been getting some mail on just where the hell Beta went, and didn't want to disappoint. (We also just made a badass action figure of that dude, so check out the online Skybound shop for that one.)

By the time you're reading this, we'll be at the center of the greatest city in the world, announcing some cool new comics at NYCC, signings, panels, all that good stuff. And that also means Season 8 is just weeks away from premiering—ALL OUT WAR!!!

It's going to be ALL OUT AWESOME!

Dear Robert, Sean, and the rest of the gang,

I'm writing this to you minutes after I finished issue #170, and WOOP! As a Pittsburgher born and raised, I was extremely excited to see my city in the latest issue. Thank you for picturing it so accurately, I can even pick out a building my dad used to work in. Fanboying about my hometown aside, I do have a science-y type question for you guys. As seen time and time again in this comic, roamers follow sounds that they hear. As this is one of their only ways to track their prey, would a roamer become useless if they had their eardrums burst, or if someone just gave them high-grade earplugs? Thank you guys for writing such a fantastic comic, keep up the great work!

Best,
Quinn Connelly
Pittsburgh, PA

Great questions, Quinn. If a roamer were to lose their sense of hearing, they definitely wouldn't be useless. They could still see and, potentially, smell anyone nearby who needed eating. They just wouldn't be drawn to certain areas by sound and would probably have a harder time tracking down victims.

Dear Kirkman and henchmen,

While reading issue 170 I came across a curiosity on pages 16 and 17, which leads me to ask you a question. I even numbered it.

1. It's actually not a question, it's a complaint.

You see, Eugene and Friends™ are clearly crossing the Roberto Clemente Bridge into Pittsburgh. This is undoubtedly the case, as Charlie (or Chuck, as I like to call him) has painstakingly drawn each building in great detail, like a pixel-for-pixel match to the Google Maps screenshot you evidently took.

This is problematic because the Roberto Clemente Bridge approaches Pittsburgh from the north, whereas our braid-sporting brainiac Mr. Porter and his posse are coming from the DC area, which is very much south of Pittsburgh. It makes no sense that they would take a route that brings them north of Pittsburgh, and then inside of (and presumably, in issue 171, south of) Pittsburgh (spoiler alert?), and then west to Ohio. They should be traveling northwest fairly consistently. Instead, we see them already north of Pittsburgh, going south.

While I appreciate your attempt at paying homage to Romero's blockbuster Land of the Dead, such sloppy inattention to detail will rot this comic from the inside out (*cough*BUTTONS*cough). I'm not even from Pittsburgh and I noticed this.

Yours truly,
Jacob from New York

Leave it to a New Yorker to correct us on the geography of another city. You're correct that they should be approaching Pittsburgh from the south, but the direct route isn't always the safest route. You don't know what debris or walkers forced them to take a more circuitous route toward entering Pittsburgh. This is why Marvel (in the good ol' days) used to award "No-Prizes" to readers who not only pointed out possible mistakes, but offered creative solutions. (The point is, those pages look great, and it's really not terribly interesting to explain just why they came in from the north.)

I'm going to earn my own no-prize here... ready? Everyone knows THE WALKING DEAD takes place in a world where there isn't any zombie fiction. One of the reasons for this, is that in this dimension Pittsburg was flipped vertically when it was built as a city. So north is south and south is north. So when Romero went to film Night of the Living Dead, the lighting was all wrong when he picked his shots, and it ruined the film and caused it never to be released. Fun fact, he went on to direct a series of amazing westerns and up until the zombie apocalypse, westerns remained the most popular film genre.

Is Marco still alive?

Connor

He is not dead, just still working his way back from being shot in the leg. Man... that sucked.

Is the war with the whisperers over with? .... the last I read is that the whisperers made major offensive against the Hilltop and Alexandria .... Rick and his group managed to drive the ultra-herd into the ocean .... but Beta and the rest of the whisperers managed to sneak off .... so I am left to wonder if Rick is going retaliate? .... or are they going to let the whisperers gather another ultra-herd to use against Rick at an undetermined date in the future? .... just looking for some closure ....

Peter

We'll give you closure. But sometimes closure—like Rosita's mystery man—takes time, and hits when you least expect it.

Keep in mind, the Whisperers were all but wiped out. Releasing the mega-herd was a last-ditch effort for revenge. The war had

pretty much been won at that point... so y'know... pretty much over. But maybe there's a new one starting?

Hello Robert and Sean!

First off, I love TWD. I think your creation is absolutely amazing.

I am writing because I have a few questions regarding Beta:

#1 - Are the three (I think) Whisperers we see with him when he leaves the only ones left?

Pretty much. It's possible there's a couple deserters out there drifting about, but there's only a few still with Beta that believe in "the cause."

#2 - Will we see him again before #201?

In fact, more of him next issue.

#3 - Can you confirm that he is someone new that we haven't met yet and not Davidson either? That would make no sense. Why would he hide his face from other Whisperers? And also he can't be a savior that Negan burned because Ndog would recognize him due to his height. I think he is deformed.

Thanks. Have a nice day.

-B. Francis Thornhill

All I can say is that you will get answers to those questions very soon.

To Mr Kirkman

Hello there sir. First of all thanks for the awesome issues and I wanted to say how much I Welled up with Rick talking to Mikey. I recently lost my father to lung cancer after a five year battle and the way this was written was how I was feeling.

The characters may not be real but the emotion used with the words are and I thank you for allowing me to escape reality for a while after reading your work.

Keep it up sir

Thanks
Chris Vint
Northern Ireland

That relationship is growing to be one of my favorites. What's this world without some compassion?

Hello Kirkman and company,

I just wanted to take a few minutes to say thank you. Thank you, in general, for creating this amazing world and comic series. But also thank you, specifically, for the scene in issue #170 where Rick comforts Mikey in the windmill. My sweet mother passed away (year long fight with cancer) about 2 weeks after 170 hit the shelf and that scene just perfectly captures where I find myself right now. The sitting around balling your eyes out and feeling like you'll never be happy again. No one loves you like your Mom does, so I know the heartbreaking anguish that Mikey is dealing with. I can't explain how much it means to me to see your characters deal with the same issues that I'm going through. So once again just thank you for giving me an outlet to help with my grief.

Mitch Franklin
Indiana

P.S. I could really use a hug from Rick Grimes right about now

Sorry for your loss, Mitch. If you're at NYCC, you're more than welcome to a hug.

Make that two. Also, fuck cancer.

Hey guys,

I'll keep this short so that you can go on with your day.

First off, I love The Walking Dead. The Comics, TV Series, Fear, the video games, and whatever you plan to do in the future.

I've heard that The Walking Dead game has now reached around the same point in time as the comics. Jesus and some knights from the kingdom appeared in season 3 and it got me thinking, since season 4 of Telltale's The Walking Dead is supposed to be the last season, could Clementine and AJ move into the kingdom? Or perhaps Hilltop 2.0?

I really don't want Clementine's adventures to end, this would enable her to live on in the comic universe.

Just you know, a suggestion.

Sincerely,
Benjamin Grimm

We are asking ourselves these same questions right now as the writers room has opened. Clem will definitely be the focus of season 4.

Hey Sean and Robert,

Huge fan blah blah blah...

Loving the reveal of Siddiq being Rosita's (R.I.P.) baby daddy. I'm curious to see Eugene's reaction, as well as how the dynamic between the rest of the team shifts when they find out.

Anyway, quick question. How in the fuck do you pronounce Siddiq's name?

Is it Sih-Dick? Suh-Dick? Sih-Deek? Suh-Deek? Sid-Dick? Sid-Deek? Squid-Dick? None of the above?

As you can see, this has been bothering me for some time.

Thanks,
Jon F

I always thought it was "Sih-Deek". Though more knowledgeable readers (anyone but Jacob from New York, really), please correct us.

I say "Sih-Deek", so that's canon. Just like Michonne is technically "ME-SHAWN", but I've always said "MI-SHOWN" so that's what stuck... and what we use in the TV show. We're just shooting from the hip here at WALKING DEAD Central.

I've always wondered what happens in a scenario where there's a walker that's eating a corpse that's about to turn into a walker and the corpse

eventually becomes one while the walker is still eating its flesh, will the eating walker go away or keep eating it?

Rasol

The body cools and becomes unappealing to a zombie LONG before the person turns... so that would never happen. They'd stop eating and walk away with time to spare.

Hey Robert and Sean,

Issue 170 was just what we needed after all the tension and death from previous issues. Gay sex! Gay love! And straight sex being implied with Siddiq and Rosita.

More than implied. They definitely did the sex thing on multiple occasions.

I recall the early days of the comic where Michonne was "coping" with Tyreese and the stuff that lead to with Carol.....and Lori and Rick....man, those are old names. So, it's refreshing to again have a post-apocalyptic sex scandal.

Anyway, congrats with your zombie sex comic, I hope it does well!

-Casey

Zombie sex comic of the year! Got to appeal to those Eisner judges somehow.

No we don't.

Robert & Sean
(& Charlie/Stefano/Cliff/Rus/Dave...& a slew of others that deserve kudos!),

Two questions.

1: Can you give us any type of teaser to the next 'big thing'? (ie: the next Governor/Negan/Alpha or All Out War/Whisperers/Wolves/Prison war/Terminus/etc)

#175, this January.

That's a good teaser.

2: Suggestion vs question...how about a contest to have a character, even really minor in an issue or two, named after & resembling a fan? (unrelated, how about writing in a character named Jason?!)

We only do that to pry original art out of collectors' hands. And we never do it publicly... I'd never want to reveal that kind of abuse of our power.

3 (thought of another): I think you've addressed this, but with "Here's Negan" now finished, do you have similar back stories planned for others?

Nope... but I think Princess has an interesting backstory... so we'll see. I'd probably have to do Jesus before then, though... right? Or that would make fans mad.

Thank you all, especially Robert, for letting us into your TWD world!! Keep it up!!!

Jason Jensen
Farmington, MN

We will! Thanks, Jason.

This is a rant. I have gotten every issue since 25. This comic used to be the baddest book ever. Every issue murder and mayhem. Now it is the gayest book ever. I'm not even a little bit homophobic but can we please color the book pink and change the title to "love the walking dead style". I really almost threw up twice in this comic 170. First, Rick, the king of badassery, cries and hugs a dude. Then the hot chicks make out, sort of. Finally, Jesus tells another guy he loves him. It's over! Let's just wrap this shit up. The shark has been officially jumped. Can we really be sure your wife or some fan girl isn't writing this crap?

You are a little bit, if not a lot, homophobic. And definitely misogynistic.

I'm also pissed Negan and Rick didn't duel it out.

So instead of all these great characters showing love and affection, you want two guys pounding each other? Ok, man... I get it.

So in case you need some bad ideas for the future. Bring back Shane. lol. Have Carl kill Rick. Sadly, probably already planned for season 9. I stopped watching the TV show. Don't make me quit this damn comic book!

Derek

So, more gay stuff? Okay, we'll get right on it!

Hello, Robert and company. I have a question about an issue that the characters will probably have to face in the inevitable future.

Rick and the other leaders always talk about how they're building a sustainable future, but like... aren't they gonna have major population problems? All the current adult characters are gonna get old and die way before the kids, assuming they live long healthy lives and aren't murdered. I know they have Carl, Lydia, Sophia, Hershel Jr, and some other miscellaneous kids in the communities, but not quite enough to usher in a new generation and maintain the numbers they currently have.

Shouldn't reproduction be a major priority? Rick should hold a town meeting and tell everyone to get busy.

Regards, Bob

The issue is that everyone in THE WALKING DEAD is now gay, because of Derek's letter... so reproduction is going to be an issue that might bring about the extinction of the species, but they're going to have a hell of a fun time before the end.

Sorry... that's just how it's going to be.

Next month, Beta attacks. Don't miss it.

Turn the page for a preview of our latest series, SLOTS, by Dan Panosian. Dan is a masterful artist taking his first crack at writing, and he's created a really fun crime story about a former boxer on his last legs, looking for redemption... but doesn't mind going down swinging! This one's in stores now. If you're reading this comic in the shop (no judgment), pick that one up while you're at it!

-Sean Mackiewicz

You guys and gals are really going to love SLOTS, it's a really cool book! Enjoy this preview. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to find ways to make this book gayer. Thanks for the suggestions, Derek!

-Robert Kirkman